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HOUSE OFFERS

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DESERTER

and nothing to

The Associated Press

is called from

despatches on Thursd

attend to the

that, "at no time taking assistance

even a semblance of

House of Representa-

ed as chairman

Thursday was the

the discussion

second session of the Mayor Jones,

gress. Wholesale absenteeism be-

gins early this fall.

But the handful of legislators who

did attend Thursday's House session

passed one of the most vicious pieces

of legislation that ever was started

on its way to enactment into law.

Without objection from a single

member, so far as the despatches

show, the House adopted a measure

"authorizing the removal of the im-

position of loss of citizenship upon

deserters in the military and naval

services."

The effect of this bill, if it should

be concurred in by the Senate and

receive the approval of the President,

would be to encourage desertions from

the army and navy in the future, by

eliminating the chief penalty now at-

tached to the offense.

But the intent and purposes of this

proposition do not stop there. The

real meat of the cocoon lies in the

fact that such a law would make

every deserter from the Federal ranks

during the war between the States eli-

gible to a pension without special act

of Congress in each case. At least,

this appears to be a reasonable in-

terpretation of the act.

If, as the Associated Press states,

no quorum was present, it was with

in the power of one single representa-

tive to rise in his seat and by making

the point of "no quorum present"

stop all proceedings by the House.

Hence each and every member who

sat in the House of Representatives

on Thursday is equally culpable with

each and every absentee.

In the past practically every spec-

ial act of the House removing the po-

litical disabilities of deserters, thereby

by giving the same pensionable recog-

nition to skulkers and shirkers that

the government accords to the men

of the North who fought bravely

throughout the struggle between the

North and the South, has been favora-

bly passed upon by the United States

Senate. Taking its record as a cri-

terion, opposition may no be expect-

ed in the Senate to the pernicious

bill passed by the House on Thurs-

day last.

The veto power at the White House

is the one hope. But even President

Roosevelt, notwithstanding his fre-

quent preachers in encouragement

of patriotism and "decent citizenship,"

always has been strangely tolerant to-

ward the species of legislation above

outlined.

According to war department an-

ual reports, during the last fiscal

year, ending June 30, 1908, there were

over four thousand desertions from

the United States army. Statistics

as to naval "quitters" are not avail-

able, but probably would show an equal

ratio, the difference in numbers of

men enlisted in the two branches of

the country's defense being consid-

ered.

The war and navy departments re-

cently have adopted vigorous methods for apprehending and punishing deserts. It has been determined that the leniency heretofore shown to the men who enlist, get tired of the service and go home shall be replaced by a system providing for unrelenting pursuit, capture and the infliction of adequate punishment.

With the approval of a minority and the constructive consent of the absent majority, the House of Representatives now proposes to scratch this program and to replace it by offering a premium of immunity to deserters.

**THE LIE DIRECT.**

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Mr. J. W. Hudell, rules in recking confined to his honor and insults, in the illness, is somewhat here repose an ad-

**WALL STREET**—the man who under- President Roosevelt and makes no physi- ciers Want Paul.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—"When I go to the United States government expects every hon- our proceedings against President Root," said President Root.

of Georgia's Oil Company now

in the White House of New York,

Georgia was Hohenstein and has dis-

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nyed him to the government's

F. Maddox, of At-

G. Cooper, secreta

Chamber of Commerce of witnesses

There were no Kellogg has deduc-

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others were Rear

Evans, Editor All part of the world

Review of Reviewless will continue

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phas to his polegient he represents

portions.

"Wall street," my regret must

with fervent shun follow is a true

any general denun-

he has because the accident of the hearing

on Thursday last:

Frank B. Kellogg, the govern-

ment's lawyer, several times criti-

zed the Standard Oil Company for its

year upon 1895, which he said was a

year of exceeding low prices for the

basic year for its price tables, and

each time the Standard attorney

Moritz Rosenthal, replied that it was

because the government's table show

increases in oil prices always start

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